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HIGH COURT GUIDELINES ON RISING INCIDENTS OF MIG CRASH
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;RAM JEEVAN SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court on a petition filed by the Common Cause,a Non-Governmental Organization, had asked the Government recently to look into the rising accidents of MIG-21 Aircraft during the last few years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the High Court`s directives so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken due note of the observations of the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi.However, the Government, already seized of the importance of the issue had already initiated several measures to enhance the quality of training of pilots to improve skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgement and improve situational awareness. These measures are constantly reviewed and reassessed. Besides, quality audit of training units flying MiG-21 aircraft is also carried out to identify and correct problems as they arise.